MPLAB® PICkit™ 4 In-Circuit Debugger

QUICK START GUIDE



GETTING STARTED

1

Install the Latest Software

Download the MPLAB X IDE software from www.microchip.com/mplabx and install onto your computer. The installer automatically loads the USB drivers. Launch MPLAB X IDE.

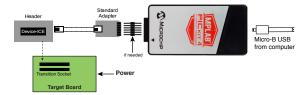
2 Connect to Target Device

- 1. Connect the MPLAB PICkit 4 to the computer using the supplied Micro-B USB cable.
- 2. Attach the communications cable between the debugger and target board.
- 3. Connect external power to target board.

Typical Debugger System – Device with On-Board Debug Circuitry



Alternative Debugger System - ICE Device



*External target board power supply to be provided by user.

3 Create, Build and Run Project

- 1. Refer to the MPLAB X IDE User's Guide or online help for instructions to install language tools, create or open a project, and configure project properties.
- 2. Check that the configuration bits in your code match the Recommended Settings below.
- 3. To execute your code in Debug mode, perform a debug run. To execute your code in Non-Debug (release) mode, perform a run. To hold a device in Reset after programming, use the Hold in Reset icon in the toolbar.

Recommended Settings

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Component	Setting				
Oscillator	OSC bits set properly Running				
Power	Supplied by target				
WDT	Disabled (device dependent)				
Code-Protect	Disabled				
Table Read Protect	Disabled				
LVP	Disabled				
BOD	VDD > BOD VDD min.				
JTAG	Disabled				
AVDD and AVss	Must be connected				
PGCx/PGDx	Proper channel selected, if applicable				
Programming	VDD voltage levels meet programming spec				

Note: See MPLAB PICkit 4 In-Circuit Debugger online help for more information.

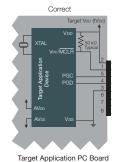
Reserved Resources

For information on reserved resources used by the debugger, see the MPLAB PICkit 4 In-Circuit Debugger online help.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Circuitry and Connector Pinouts



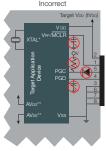
Connect Pin 1 to Pin 1



Typical 6-Pin ICSP Pinout

Pin	Target	MPLAB® PICkit 4		
1	MCLR/VPP	NMCLR		
2	V _{DD} Target	VDD		
3	Vss (ground)	Ground		
4	PGD (ICSPDAT)	PGD		
5	PGC (ICSPCLK)	PGC		
6	Do Not Connect	Do Not Connect		
7		Reserved for Future use		
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Target Circuit Design Precautions



Target Application PC Board

- **Do not use pull-ups on PGC/PGD:** they will disrupt the voltage levels, since these lines have programmable pull-down resistors in the debugger.
- **Do not use capacitors on PGC/PGD:** they will prevent fast transitions on data and clock lines during programming and debug communications.
- Do not use capacitors on MCLR: they will prevent fast transitions of VPP. A simple pull-up resistor is generally sufficient.
- **Do not use diodes on PGC/PGD:** they will prevent bidirectional communication between the debugger and the target device.
- Do not exceed recommended cable lengths: Refer to the Hardware Specification of the MPLAB PICkit 4 online help or user's guide for cable lengths.

Pinouts for Additional Interfaces

MPLAB® PICkit 4	Debugging and Programming			Data Stream	
Pin #	ICSP	MIPS EJTAG	Cortex® SWD	DMCI/DGI U(S)ART/CDC	DGI SPI
1	Vpp/NMCLR				
2	VDD	VIO_REF	VTG	VTG	
3	GND	GND	GND	GND	
4	PGD	TDO	SWo		MISO
5	PGC	TCK	SWCLK		SCK
6	AUX	NRESET	NRST	(SCK)	
7	TDI	TDI		TX	MOSI
8	TMS	TMS	SWDIO	RX	SS

^{**} Target device must be running with an oscillator for the debugger to function as a debugger.

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^{***} If the device has AVDD and AVss lines, they must be connected for the debugger to operate.